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Announcement.

Commencing with October 1st, 1883, subscription to the WEEKLY GAZETTE will be taken at the low price of \$1 per annum, and the *Stock Journal* will be reduced in price for yearly subscription to \$2. Now is the time to send in your names. Address your orders to the WEEKLY GAZETTE, Fort Worth, Texas, and inclose \$1 and you will receive the brightest and most newsy weekly in the South-west.

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The Fort Worth WEEKLY GAZETTE is the only eight-page weekly newspaper published in the South that is published for one dollar a year. The WEEKLY GAZETTE is made up with special reference to the wants of its patrons, and the people of Texas now have a chance to get a good weekly paper as there is in the South for the small sum of one dollar a year.

JUDGE HOADLEY is well enough to make the Republicans feel sick.

The demand for an extra session of the legislature is a popular call.

CIVIL-SERVICE reform doesn't reform. It is intended for theorists, not for practical politicians.

The man without a theory to better the condition of the workman is as scarce as privates of the late war.

BOLD BEN BUTLER holds the Greenbacker and Democratic parties, of Massachusetts in his arms like an octopus.

INEFFICIENT or insufficient laws are worse than no laws. If the legislature can not make laws for the protection of state interests it is time for the people to know it.

PROTECTIONIST members of the Knights of Labor have seceded from that organization because of the appointment of a free-trader on the executive committee.

THE GAZETTE does not speak ex cathedra, but it is of the opinion that Gov. INGLAND will not disregard the demand for an extra legislative session if the popular voice unmistakably asks it.

A DOUBT is cast on the genuine Republicanism of the pension officials. Of the \$100,000,000 appropriated by congress for pensions they could only get rid of \$70,000,000. It will not be allowed to happen again.

REPUBLICAN claims to prescience will get a tumble soon. It isn't wisdom to predict so far ahead that a revenue-reform plank will not be acceptable to the next Democratic national convention.

MASSACHUSETTS Republicans are going over the files of Southern newspapers hunting up all the hard things said about BUTLER ten or twelve years ago. They make application of second-hand epithets to fit their own case now.

Conkling has been snubbed and sent to the rear while there was no need of him, but he is now supplanted to come out and help elect the men who wear his scalp. Conkling is not that sort of a christian, and will allow them all the glory of winning the fight themselves.

UNDETERRED by adverse judicial decisions in Wyoming and fence cutting in Texas, HUNTER, EVANS & Co. of St. Louis are enclosing a vast cattle ranch on the Cheyenne and Arapahoe reservations that will require 250 miles of barbed wire to surround it, with 150 additional miles for cross-fencing.

Two "lay officers and a chaplain in the army were convicted of duplicating their pay accounts and sentenced to dismissal. The officers will be reinstated, for they have friends. The chaplain will go out, for has none. A chaplain in the army is a forlorn wretch.

A PROTECTIONIST paper in one of the interior counties asserts that "there is no denying that a protective tariff has raised the wages of the American laborer." And there is no denying that it has raised the price of products which the American laborer consumes. The final effect is no gain to the workman.

AMERICAN irritation at the exclusion of our pork from Germany and cattle from England, is very inconsistent. We have practically excluded all imports from abroad by our prohibitory tariff, and should not growl if our policy is imitated by others. *Lex talionis* is sometimes pretty effective in inducing people to see the other side of a proposition.

The Iowa canvass grows in intensity. The issues outlined are prohibition and protective tariff by Republicans, and license and revenue reform by the Democrats. Each side has its best men in the canvass. Senator HARRISON of Indiana and ex-Gov. HENDRICKS are both on the stump and doing hard work for their friends.

A CONVENTION of representatives of the stock interests of the country, under the auspices of the national commissioner of agriculture, will meet in Chicago November 15th and 16th. It is called to consider and devise plans by which the introduction and spread of contagious diseases amongst American stock, may be prevented or checked. All live stock associations are invited to send representatives.

PROFESSORS of economy can sometimes ride their hobbies to death, as the legislature of Georgia have done, in refusing to pay the funeral expenses of Gov. ALEXANDER STEPHENS. Georgia has given to the world no more eminent man than her late governor, and he was entitled to the honors of a public service at his death. The scandal of a repudiation of the debts incurred by those who directed his funeral will not easily be wiped out.

THE treasury statement shows gold coin and bullion in the United States treasury to the value of \$294,919,388; silver dollars and bullion, \$119,143,913; fractional silver coin, \$27,265,970; United States notes, \$52,950,050. Against this total reserve of \$594,287,327 are outstanding certificates amounting to \$145,944,931. The balance, \$258,342,406, is withheld from circulation, diminishing the business capital of the country to that amount, drawing no interest and benefiting nobody.

THE Houston *Age* propounds a question:

"Why is there not a theological branch of the university? What can be of more importance to the honor, prosperity and advancement of a state than that its youth shall be taught those things that pertain to their salvation?"

What creed of theology should be taught in such an institution? There is strife already between the allopaths and the homoeopaths as to who shall rule the medical department of the university, but their rage is nothing to what would follow among religious denominations if it were attempted to run a state theological school. The *odium theologium* would dwarf all other quarrels.

THE gubernatorial campaign opens early in Missouri. Ex-Governor PHILLIPS and General JOHN S. MARMADUKE are the more conspicuous candidates mentioned. The former retired from the governorship in 1880, and was succeeded by CURTIS. MARMADUKE was a popular Southern general, and commands the support of a powerful element of old Confederate soldiers in the state. It is a notable fact that since the Democratic party came into power in Missouri in 1872, her governors have been, with a single exception, men who were pronounced Unionists. This is a singular record for a Southern state, whose more prominent public men were Confederate leaders or sympathizers.

EXTRAORDINARY importance is attached to the coming election in Virginia. The Readjusters, supported by the federal government and the Republican party of the state, predict success, but the Democrats are more encouraged and confident than at any time since MANTON gained control of the state. Both parties will make a desperate struggle to win, for both recognize that the crisis of MANTON's political career is at hand. This election will be his final triumph or his Waterloo. If he wins, he can command recognition at the next Republican national convention, and having control of the Virginia delegates, and virtual command of the Independents of North Carolina and other unsafe Southern states, will be in position to dictate the nomination of the Republican candidate for president. Should he fail, the Independent movement in the South will collapse.

The "English System."

Protectionists, and protectionists' organs, can assign no worthier reason for their denunciation of free trade, or what is practically free trade, the imposition of duties for revenues only, and not for protection, than that the system is that upon which England has founded her manufacturing greatness and commercial supremacy. A leading exponent of high tariff views tells its readers that there is a "strong European prejudice against American wheat," and gravely asserts that English merchants "will buy in this country only if we sell cheaper than do other people." This with an innocent earnestness of manner as if the fact were new-found and would at once excite an indignant denial among the friends of free trade.

The sensible man of business usually makes his purchases in the market where he can buy to the greatest advantage and with the greatest profit. If other nations underbid us in selling wheat in England, that country is under no moral obligations to take our products at the higher figures. Our merchants pur-

sue the same policy of buying in the best and cheapest market. What Chicago or St. Louis dealers would hesitate to close a bargain with a Mexican grain grower if he could deliver wheat in those cities one cent cheaper than we can produce it? And who would condemn these dealers for lack of patriotism in making such bargains when to their advantage.

Governments are not run on philanthropic principles, nor is business conducted with benevolence as a rule of action. Governments and trade are selfish. The English government "protected" her people until they were about to starve, in the belief that exclusion of foreign competition would make them prosperous and wealthy. Since 1864, when Cobden secured the repeal of certain prohibitory tariffs, the statesmen of that country have thrown open their ports and markets to free trade, and this has given what is but the natural commercial law of the world the name of the "English system." It is only an English system because England was the first to perceive the folly of restricting trade, and adopt that system. As well might a Republican form of government be called the "American system," because the country has adopted it.

We buy annually less than \$200,000,000 worth of English products, while she buys of over \$400,000,000 worth. She does not buy it because of her like for us, nor does she refrain from buying more from dislike. But if our trade restriction were removed, traffic between the two countries would largely increase. If interchange of goods in trade is advantageous to countries engaged in trade, then whatever tends to its increase is to be encouraged, and conversely whatever is in restraint of trade is pernicious and should be discouraged. Protective tariffs, while they aggrandize some, are incubi on trade and should be abolished.

A Little Gem.

(Denison Gate City.)

That little gem of Texas papers, the Fort Worth GAZETTE, has been reorganized in its editorial, mechanical and business department. From its appearance the change has not hurt it a particle.

That Horned Horse.

(Austin State School.)

Mr. Bailey informed a *Statesman* representative of a horned horse which he saw in the town of Cleburne, in this state. He says the horse is perfect, except it has two horns. It was foaled on the ranch of a Mr. Knight, who lives near the city, two years ago, by a mare in no way peculiar. The colt is now large and perfectly formed, and a deep bay color. He has been broken and drives and work, to both saddle and harness. Mr. Bailey says he is a perfect horse in every regard, with the exception of the horns, which are twelve inches long and protrude from each side of the head, about two inches above the eyes. When Mr. Bailey was in Cleburne, the owner, a Mr. Knight, had the horse in the city and he created a great sensation. Mr. Bailey offered him \$500 cash for the animal, but the owner refused to take it, and said he was intending to ship him to New York, where he expects to sell for a fabulous price. We have noticed in some of our exchanges mention of this same animal, but supposed it to be a canard.

TEXAS STATE NEWS.

The city council of Bonham appropriated \$500 for the benefit of the fire company.

A local cotton firm of Waco recently bought \$50,000 worth of cotton in a single day, or one thousand bales.

It is announced that a new gambling house in mammoth style is soon to be opened in San Antonio.

Ellis county has provided a poor farm of 345 acres, for which it paid seventeen dollars an acre.

Two English capitalists are negotiating for the Waco cotton factory. It has paid well under its present management.

The citizens of Gainesville have asked the Western Union for a direct and independent telegraph line to St. Louis.

The Rocking Chair ranch in the Panhandle has just been surveyed, preparatory to fencing it in. The distance around it is ninety-nine miles.

The search for Mary Churchill in San Antonio resulted in a failure to find the lady, but a sharp reporter claims to have discovered a chemist bearing her name.

Last week when Needham Branch, of Shelby county was convicted and sentenced to five years for murder. He thanked the jury for letting him off so easy. He expected a longer sentence.

It is proposed to erect an observatory with an elevation of fifty feet on the summit of Caddo Peak, which is about nine miles north of Cleburne. So says the *Telegram*, but who proposes to erect the observatory is not stated.

The Denison *Gate City* says the day the Indian Territory is thrown open for settlement to the world will be to Texas what Independence day was to the American colonies. It thinks the time is not far distant.

J. M. Draper lately arrived in Jefferson from Portland, Oregon. He delivered a brilliant lecture at the Methodist church and was soon afterward arrested on a dispatch from Portland ordering his arrest on a charge of forgery.

The Stone cattle company own a pasture over sixty miles long, partly in Wichita county. It has not been molested so far, but threats are muttered every day and the probability is that at least the grass will be fired.

Wichita county was once the favorite pasture for bullfights, and as

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